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## Coming to You by Way of

# The General Secretary



## It's The Diamond Jubilee

This is it! Endeavorers are all set and will soon celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the great youth movement. Many salutes in different form will be made to the organization which had its beginnings with an idea of I. Francis E. Clark and the forming of a society February 2, 1881. A band of present leaders will participate in a pilgrimage to the birthplace of Christian Endeavor at Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine. Many mayors and governors have proclaimed January 29-February 5 as *Christian Endeavor Week*. A salute will be given Christian Endeavor by T. C. Whitehouse on *Good News* of the Mutual Broadcasting System Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 A.M. (EST). The program is a weekly summary of the most encouraging events and is sponsored by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

## Millions Sang With "Rody"

• Homer Rodeheaver, familiarly called "Rody" by his great host of friends, has gone to his Eternal Reward. The famous song-leader for Billy Sunday, who led millions in singing praises to God, died at his home in Winona Lake December 18. Christian Endeavorers by the tens of thousands loved him. He was an Endeavorer and frequently conducted singing, sang and preached for rallies and conventions of state and provincial unions and International Society. With his ever-present trombone, his sparkle, radiance and enthusiasm it was my privilege in June to again receive an inspiration from "Rody" when he was musical director at the Michigan Christian Endeavor Convention in Grand Rapids. We thank God for his friendship and for the glorious way he used his life for his Lord.

## For Your Information

• Dr. James Lewis Howe of Lexington, Virginia, a life trustee of International Society of Christian Endeavor, died December 20. Mr. Howe, who was 96, was the first president of the Kentucky Christian Endeavor Union and for over fifty years was a professor of chemistry at Washington and Lee University—Mr. Daniel A. Poling, who is president of the American Mothers Association, is one of four named as "Women of Achievement" by the Women's National Institute. Rev. J. C. Kammerer of Salem, is the new field secretary of Missouri Union. Tom Plaitsted, 2136 Park Avenue, White Bear Lake, has taken over the duties of field secretary of Minnesota Christian Endeavor Union—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson, 4218 S. 32nd St., Arlington 6, Virginia, are being congratulated on the arrival of Harry S. Gibson, Jr., November 17. Mr. Gibson is president of the District of Columbia Union.

## Are You Forgetting Someone?

Only about 5 out of 100 of the young people in the Armed Forces ever hear from their home churches, according to a recent report. More than 3,000,000 youth are in the military service today. Most of these are between the ages of 18 and 23 and are away from home for the first time in their lives. And thousands are from Christian Endeavor societies. Let us not forget them. Write and send the church calendar and other literature. Christian Endeavor has a 112-page devotional booklet, *Guide For Christian Living*, published especially for those in the Armed Forces. These may be secured without charge for Endeavorers in the military or about to enter. Write to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

*Gene Stone*



Leaders at Executives' Conference re-sign Christian Endeavor Pledge on the historic desk of Dr. Francis E. Clark as preparations are made for commitment services in Christian Endeavor societies February 5.

Photo by Warren G. Hoopes



# Christian Endeavorers Celebrate

SERVICES of commitment or re-commitment will feature the Diamond Jubilee of Christian Endeavor. During the meetings of Sunday, February 5, societies will ask youth to sign or re-sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

ENTHUSIASTIC participation by hundreds of thousands of youth in services, banquets, projects, and other activities is expected in the observance of the 75th anniversary of the movement.

VERY important people, such as mayors and governors, have proclaimed January 29-February 5 as *Christian Endeavor Week*.

VANGELISM along the streets and highways of the United States and Canada will take place in the form of displays of Christian Endeavor outdoor poster panels.

NUMEROUS radio and television programs are being presented to tell of the beginning of Christian Endeavor February 2, 1881, by Dr. Francis E. Clark and what it is doing today.

THE birthplace of Christian Endeavor—Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine—will be the scene of a special banquet and service February 4.

YOUTH in hundreds of places are presenting the historical dramatization, "This Is Christian Endeavor," written by Mrs. Catharine Miller Balm.

FINAL date for entries in the Christian Citizenship Contest is the last day of Christian Endeavor Week. Notification of Participation must be sent by February 6 to the Citizenship Director at Columbus, Ohio.

INVESTMENT in the spiritual life of youth is being made by individuals and societies who are participating in the annual Membership Mobilization which continues through February.

ISITATION evangelism is a project some Endeavorers will engage in as part of the observance of the 75th anniversary.

ENROLLMENT is under way for individuals who joined Christian Endeavor more than 25 years ago.

Here are some of the pledge forms for Christian Endeavorers: Active Member, Quiet Hour, Tenth Legion, Life-Work Recruit, Junior Preparatory Member, Junior Member.

## Christian Endeavor Pledge for Active Members

**T**RUSTING in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will pray to Him and read the Bible every day; and that, just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an Active Member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master Jesus Christ. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting, I will, if possible, send an excuse for absence to the Society.

Signed.....

Date.....

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"



Membership Covenant Card  
FOR

COMRADES OF THE QUIET HOUR

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will devote myself to God and my fellow men, and will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will pray to Him and read the Bible every day; and that, just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

Send and mail this card to  
THE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR  
Box 1110, Columbus 16, Ohio  
as a comrade of the Quiet Hour.

Christian Endeavor Life-Work Recruit  
COVENANT

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will devote myself to God and my fellow men, and will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will pray to Him and read the Bible every day; and that, just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.



"UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S"

Certificate of Membership  
IN  
THE TENTH LEGION

International Society of the  
Composed by  
Kingdom

Endeavor  
Name  
Address  
Phone  
Work, you

Christian Endeavor Pledge  
for Preparatory Members



## Junior Membership Pledge

**T**RUSTING in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will pray and read the Bible every day; and that just so far as I know how, I will try to lead a Christian life. I will be present at every meeting of the Society when I can, and will take some part in every meeting.

Name.....

I am willing that.....

should give this pledge, and will do all I can to help..... keep it.





NORTH CAROLINA UNION gives a message by means of float in Christmas parades. Depicting a group of carolers, the Endeavorers of the Tar Heel State took first prize in the Greensboro and High Point parades and third prize at Siler City Christmas event. Lucy Ashley is president of the union. For several years the organization has witnessed by having a religious presentation in these parades.



LEADERS AT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE. Pictured at conference in High Point, North Carolina, are: Standing (left to right) — Carro M. Wright, Executive Committee, International Society; Mary Welborn, vice-president, North Carolina Union; Charles O. Heyward, field secretary, Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. Unions; Jean Treadaway, vice-chairman, Southern Region. Seated (left to right) — Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society; Elizabeth M. McKnight, chairman, Southern Region; Phyllis G. Brown, vice-president, International Society.

### Christian Endeavor Anniversary

by J. Britain Winter

Christian Endeavor!  
What rare beauty in those words;  
And what fond memories  
In our souls are stirred!  
Think of all the joys  
Which have come to us thru thee,  
As we have endeavored  
Like the Christ to be.  
Christian Endeavor!  
We have promised to be true;  
Trusting the Master,  
We his will shall do;  
And we each have promised  
That we'll read his word and pray;  
May we strive to follow  
In his steps each day.  
Christian Endeavor!  
The Scriptures we pledge to search;  
And we'll be loyal  
To Christ and his church.  
Then hail! Christian Endeavor!  
Others we would tell of thee,  
And would train in service  
Youth for our C. E.

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## Diamond Jubilee

### A DIAMOND

TYPEFIES BEAUTY—for 75 beautiful years Christian Endeavor has won and trained young people for Christ and the Church.

### A DIAMOND

REPRESENTS WEALTH—for 75 years God has richly blessed Christian Endeavor's wealth, its young people.

### A DIAMOND

STANDS FOR STRENGTH—for 75 years Christian Endeavor has grown in strength, with God's blessing, to encompass the world internationally, interracially and interdenominationally.

### A DIAMOND

GLEAMS WITH LUSTRE AND WARMTH—for 75 years Christian Endeavorers have worked and played together in a spirit of Christian warmth and fellowship.

### THE WORD DIAMOND MEANS

"THAT WHICH CANNOT BE SUBDUED"—so in Christian Endeavor we look forward toward another 75 years, calling young people into service for Christ and the Church.

### New State Leaders



Nellie Griffin



William Bonnema

Nellie Griffin, who is the chairman of the Junior Work Committee of International Society, is president of Maryland Union. William Bonnema of Chicago is head of the Illinois Union.

—Light, published by Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union



# Leaders to Attend Area Conference in Japan...

PAN will be the scene of a conference of Christian Endeavor leaders July 30-August 2.

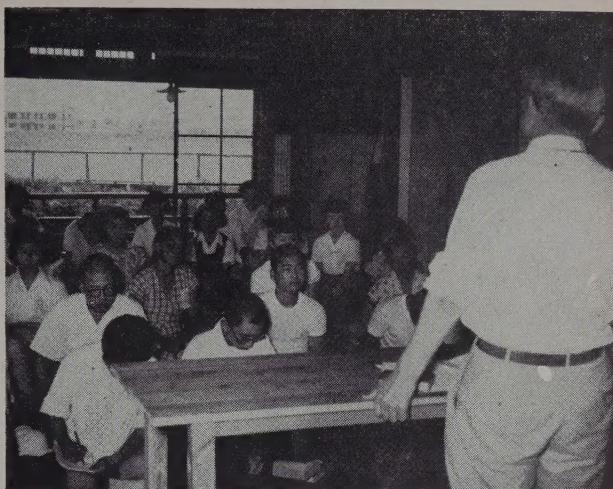
Plans are being made for the Pacific Area Conference of World's Christian Endeavor Union. This area takes in North America, Asia (with the exception of India) and islands of the Pacific.

Arrangements for meetings are being made in Japan by Mr. Akira Ebisawa, executive secretary of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, world president, will preside at the sessions which will be held in Fukuoka.

A tour is being planned by the International Society of Christian Endeavor to take leaders to the Far East. Members of the party will leave Seattle, Washington, July 21 and make a visit in Alaska, arriving in Tokyo July 24. Before and after the conference there will be visitations in various cities in Japan. On the return trip there will be a visit to Honolulu, with the party arriving in Los Angeles August 8.

This all-expense, personally conducted Tour will cost a total of \$1425 from Seattle to Tokyo and back to Los Angeles. The group will fly the Pacific in the latest strato-liner.

A form for securing further information and for making reservations is on Page 6 of this issue of *The World*.



*Kojiro Hata is shown speaking at a summer camp conference group sponsored by the Japan Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Hata, who was director for the sessions, is a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor organization and will be a leader at the area meetings in his country this summer.*

# They're Mobilizing For Christian Endeavor...



*Harold E. Westerhoff (second from left), director of Membership Mobilization, presents a 1956 society enrollment certificate to Ray Selbert, president of the Young People's Society of West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio. Watching are Phyllis Castle, vice-president, and Robert S. Hildreth, adviser and former president of Ohio Christian Endeavor Union. Similar certificates will be sent to many societies throughout the United States and Canada who participate in the 1956 mobilization of the International Society.*

ENDEAVORERS and friends of youth are enrolling in the Membership Mobilization of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The march is on to financially undergird the program designed to help lift the spiritual climate of youth in North America.

Individuals and societies are sending memberships to headquarters in Columbus. Harold E. Westerhoff is directing the Mobilization with chairmen in the various state and provincial unions assisting in their areas. Individuals are taking part by becoming annual members making contributions of \$10. Many are giving \$25 or more to become sustaining members.

Societies are enrolling and securing special certificates. The units that make contributions of \$10 or more will receive blue seal certificates. Red seals will go to those contributing \$25 or more and gold ones to those giving \$50 or more.

Susan Rebecca Burchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Burchfield, 306 Allen Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee, is the youngest member to be enrolled in the 1956 Mobilization. Susan was born December 30, 1955. Mrs. Burchfield is the president of the Tennessee Christian Endeavor Union.

Membership Mobilization efforts will continue through the month of February. A number of Christian Endeavor leaders and friends have promised to "double" memberships received before February 29.

A new plan, known as "Cost-For-A-Day," has been entered into by a group of individuals interested in the religious life of youth. People are giving \$100 to complete the cost of the program of International Christian Endeavor for a 24-hour period, which is needed beyond the money received through Membership Mobilization itself.



# Do It Yourself

by Amy Deck Faust

SOME of the recent cartoons show the plight of the man who tries to "do it himself" but doesn't know how.

For years the funny men have made jokes about the "little woman," or the new bride, who tried to cook and ended up serving some concoction unknown to anyone. There still are old jokes around about the woman who tries to cook with a recipe coming in from two different radio stations at once.

Well, it stands to reason that cooking, handwork, carpentry, and many other types of work or recreation depend upon "know-how" as well as the desire to do it. It isn't as easy to build a back-yard barbecue fire-place as some folks think. Not everyone can read directions and whip up a stunning evening dress in three hours. You can't even invest in mushrooms and make a fortune growing them in your basement overnight. Most work demands some skill, and plenty of practice and experience, as well as the proper direction. Some things can be done by a "do it yourself book," or by watching the way it's done in film, or on television. Generally speaking, it takes more than just the book and the show.

The same thing is true in the field of audio-visuals. Many people who get a camera for Christmas never get much past that first roll of film. The knowledge, skill, practice, experience, and practice proves too much for them. The same thing is true in tape-recording and in projection. People want tape records, and they dream of doing great things, but it takes much more than equipment to do a good audio-visual job.

On the other hand, a lot of work can be done with a desire to learn, and the basic equipment. This is true in audio-visuals. On the one hand there's the person who has the best of equipment, but never settles down to learning its use. Then you have the people who may have inferior equipment, a limited budget, but a big desire to do a good job.

## You Can—If You Want To

You can present audio-visual programs if you want to do it. The operation of the projection equipment is largely the problem of a basic training by you and the factory's representative. Each tape-recorder, slide projector, film-strip projector, and motion picture projector has a purpose. It's built to do a certain type of work. Before buying, check what the machine can do, with what you want it to do. A slide-projector, for example, that will also show filmstrip may cost more than the slide projector you had in mind, but it's surely worth the difference if you have any possible use for it.

When you're buying "A-V" equipment shop around. "Talk to the man who owns one." Check one manufacturer against another. Compare price and performance. When

you're sure of the one you want, be sure that service and training are included, or can be arranged. You may need both for some time to come. If you've made up your mind, buy, and learn to operate your equipment.

After the basic equipment is bought and running, there's the work of programming. If you "project" only for your own amusement and amazement, you needn't worry as much about subject matter. Your own family may sit through motion pictures panned out of the window of moving cars, but it's hardly fair to make your friends suffer that much. The same is true about slides. Spare your friends. Show only pictures having the proper exposure, composition, and purpose.

Renting motion picture film and slides, or filmstrip is not difficult today. Sound, recordings, and scripts make the projection and programming less difficult. Membership in the Visual Education Fellowship, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. is but \$10 a year and all of the latest Audio-Visual information in the religious field comes to you.

## Making Your Own

Making your own programs is more difficult. If you're blest with a magnetic tape-motion picture projector, you can make your own recordings of sound, speech, and music, on the film. This is a fascinating, though somewhat expensive, and time-consuming work. Yet, it's worth every minute and every penny, if you want to do it.

Easiest of all is working with 2 x 2 slides. The idea and writing of the script to accompany slides is not too difficult for the amateur, yet there is room for an unlimited growth in



this field. Sound, music, and speech may be done "live," or recorded to accompany slides. The speech may be of narrative, or some form of poetry. A highly developed form of art can be developed in this area. And, those preferring to give a documentary facts, similar opportunities are at hand.

Work in audio-visuals is never completely easy. It is never too difficult to do. The sky is the limit. You may begin with what you are and grow with audio-visual tools. You do it with an "inspired do it yourself" technique.

## Union Buys Camp Site

The North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union has secured a farm near Siler City, North Carolina, which will be used as a camp for summer conferences. A plan for development has been made, with expectations of having the first conferences in 1955. B. Z. Routh is camp director with a committee consisting of Mozelle Dick, Ruth Lee, Mrs. Juanita Euliss, and Arlene Jester.

Here's a good suggestion—have your society make a birthday gift to Christian Endeavor by enrolling in the International Society.

## IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE

Rev. Henry C. Briggs, M.A. (former Organist and Choirmaster of Princeton University) has composed a unique piece of music entitled, *Peace Fugue* arranged for piano, but easily playable on organ or carillon, so designed that the very playing of it creates a peaceful atmosphere. The subject itself is as suggestive as a Wagnerian leitmotif. Not difficult. Price 50 cents.

If each endeavorer would send a copy of some organist or carillonneur or other musician to be played in various locations and countries (including Russia), it would soon have this peace message proclaimed over the whole world. Each voice part is a beautiful melody when played separately. Should be played at all meetings and services devoted to peace.

Rev. Henry C. Briggs  
248 Academy Street, Jersey City 6, N.J.

## Join The Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour

Mr. Harold E. Westerhoff, Tour Manager  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR  
1221 East Broad Street  
Columbus 16, Ohio

- ☐ Please send me more details on the Japan Tour.  
☐ Please reserve a place for me in International Society's Japan Tour.

I enclose \$200 and will pay the balance as scheduled. I also enclose \$5 to cover registration for the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Name .....

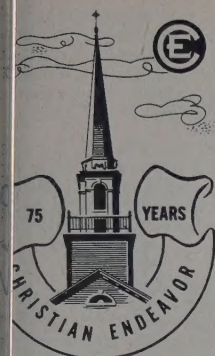
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# Diamond Jubilee

## Quarter and Half Century Clubs

Proudly we present an honor listing of individuals who joined Christian Endeavor more than 25 years ago. This is the first roll to be published in connection with the 75th anniversary. Information has been furnished by the persons or by friends.



### Half Century Club

mie Alexander, Norton, Kansas  
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ley C. Anderson, Baldwin, N.Y.  
e L. Brown, Columbus, Ohio  
en H. Brownell, Fitchburg, Mass.  
nie Burgess, Plymouth, Mass.  
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y Butcher, Berkeley, Gloucestershire,  
England  
Lillie Chapman, Englewood, Colo.  
erge J. Cole, Long Island City, N.Y.  
liam C. Cole, Long Island City, N.Y.  
William C. Cole,  
Long Island City, N.Y.  
H. P. Dunlop, Long Beach, Calif.  
ald Fowler, Berkeley, Gloucestershire,  
England  
ry Gallaway, Forest Hills, N.Y.  
W. W. Grigor, Elmont, L.I., N.Y.  
Henry H. Grotthouse,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
yton Hance, Dumont, N.J.  
ad Harmon, Norton, Kansas  
B. Houtkamp, Orlando, Fla.  
C. E. Houtkamp, Orlando, Fla.  
W. D. Inglis, Columbus, Ohio  
da G. James, Cohasset, Mass.  
A. W. Jones, Branford, Conn.  
rid T. Lane, Somerville, N.J.  
David Lane, Somerville, N.J.  
ward G. Launsbach, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Howard G. Launsbach, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
liam M. Leach, Reading, Mass.  
bert W. Ludwig, Rockville, Md.  
I. McFarlane, Talladega, Ala.  
O. L. Minert, South Haven, Mich.  
ra J. Our, Anita, Iowa  
nk Palmer, Norton, Kansas  
s C. M. Potter, Lake Wales, Fla.  
le Smith, Mena, Ark.  
nces J. Spear, Saginaw, Mich.  
oy S. Tucker, Keene, N.H.  
s. Ethel Weston, Alton, Ill.

### Quarter Century Club

xander Aitken, Flushing, N.Y.  
n Baker, Woodford, Ont., Canada  
urgeon Bexley, Wilmington, N.C.  
y Benjamin, Saginaw, Mich.  
rriet Beukema, Holland, Mich.  
s, W. P. Blanks, Miami, Fla.  
n C. Boyd, Charlotte, N.C.  
rr Brown, Denver, Colo.  
se Brown, Denver, Colo.  
pha Anne Burgess, Gibsonville, N.C.  
s. David Ciasca, Massapequa, N.Y.  
ive Clarke, Shillington, Ont., Canada  
Charles Dettor, Long Island City, N.Y.

Mrs. Charles Dettor, Long Island City, N.Y.  
Charles S. Drain, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Dr. W. P. Dyer, New Britain, Conn.  
Mrs. W. P. Dyer, New Britain, Conn.  
Novella Exum, Greenville, N.C.  
Mrs. Joseph Festa, Long Island City, N.Y.  
J. G. Forrest, Greenville, N.C.  
Wadsworth G. Fyler, Babson Park, Fla.  
Mrs. Wadsworth G. Fyler,  
Babson Park, Fla.  
Mrs. Eloise Greene, Chagrin Falls, Ohio  
Dr. Wheeler Hawley, Birmingham, Ala.  
Mrs. Fred L. Helfrecht, Saginaw, Mich.  
Mrs. Darwin Howard, Corona, N.Y.  
Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, Carbondale, Ill.  
Mrs. P. I. Holland, Birmingham, Ala.  
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Florence Jahoda, Long Island City, N.Y.  
Mrs. John Jappen, Geneva, N.Y.  
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Walter J. Kane, Long Island City, N.Y.  
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Mrs. J. W. Kiedaisch, Philadelphia, Pa.  
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Louis A. Kolb, Long Island City, N.Y.  
Mrs. Gus Kreyling, Huntington, L. I., N.Y.  
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Mrs. Margaret Mahler, Philadelphia, Pa.  
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Mrs. Edwin Mason, West Simsbury, Conn.  
Martha J. McDonald, Engelwood, Ohio  
Dr. Alex R. McKinney, Saginaw, Mich.  
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## DIAMOND JUBILEE

### Quarter and Half Century Clubs



Please use this coupon in sending your enrollment or that of a friend to

International Society of Christian Endeavor  
1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

Please include me in the Diamond Jubilee list of long-time Endeavorers.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_

street \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Here is the name of a friend who joined Christian Endeavor 25 years or more ago:

\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_

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# From KNOWING to DOING

## Ideas for YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

THE sound barrier is "broken through" with far more ease and frequency than another common barrier of our day. A glance into almost any field of North Americans' activities will show a multitude who *know* as compared to a much smaller number who *do*. Between learning and going into action stands the most stubborn barrier in modern life.

Look through the store-rooms and odd corners in a home. You will find the musical instrument that was once fairly mastered but is seldom if ever played, and the books of a foreign language course which is forgotten in disuse, and the tools and equipment for other skills and hobbies. We acquired knowledge, but that fire has burned out in lack of application.

Nobody should object that the dolls and the Erecto sets of childhood are set aside in favor of grown-up interests—though it would be better not to hang on to the oldtime toys. Children's homes and mission schools can use them!

The real problem is with the skills and knowledge we acquire as young people, as young adults, as older folks, and do not put to use.

### Those Unused Abilities

America's resources of unused ability are without doubt tremendous. Think of the effect on childhood if all of us who learned so much about teaching and guiding boys and girls along Christian lines were volunteering as Sunday school teachers. Suppose the larger proportion of those who had voice training and chorus experience in past years were to enroll today in the church choir. Imagine the impact if what many of us learned in summer conferences and youth conventions and study courses could be put to work here and now in church and community.

Are we too modest about our skills? Too fearful to test our knowledge in practical action? Too lazy? Too much concerned with a comfortable routine of living? Too materialistic ("I'll listen to any good offer")?

What we learned and don't use will be lost! This applies to musical skill, to foreign languages, to the playing and leading of games—and too many forms of Christian service.

So an outstanding service by a Young Adult Unit would be to enlist its members for responsibilities they are in fact prepared to undertake.

### Keep a File of Skills

Maintain a *Skills* file of the membership. Let Young Adult leaders refer to it frequently. Make the information accessible to church leaders.

### CONSIDER THE PSALMS

When you plan your own devotional reading or a worship service which you will be leading, refresh your memory in the wonderful Book of Psalms.

Great passages on the meaning of life are found in Psalms 1, 8, 25, 40, 63, 71, 84, 91, 100, 107, 119.

"To conquer fear and worry and to open our lives to God and His peace," Dr. Harris F. Rall recently proposed Psalms 19, 23, 51, 90, 103, 121, 139. To these might be added Psalms 46 and 77 among others.

A reminder: Many of our great hymns and familiar responsive readings have been taken from the Book of Psalms.

To bring the unused skills into action is a service to one's church. Also it will be helpful to any trained, informed young adult who has been letting skills rust away unused.

Now apply this "know, then do" idea to classes and courses that Young Adult Units and other church groups often conduct.

For example, *what should happen* after the final session of a mission study class?

These could be among the fruits:

1. Continue missionary reading. Young adults would make a point of gathering and publicizing interesting books and pamphlets, keeping alive the interest in missions subjects or areas with which the class dealt.

2. Correspond with missions fields. In one church, a study class of *twenty years ago* awakened interest in American Indian missions and schools, resulting in two decades of correspondence and other helpful, inspiring contacts with missionaries and Indian community leaders.

3. Keep up to date on countries or areas of work that were studied. A bulletin board can be used for displaying newspaper articles,

by Bert H. Davis

Drawing from San Diego Union & Tribune.

letters, photographs, and other reminders. loose-leaf book can be compiled to include magazine articles. A Young Adult Unit committee may gather information on an annual or semi-annual basis—a report of new developments in this field of interest.

4. Dramatize missions. Whether the young adults present plays or pageants, or help direct children and youth groups along such lines, the effort should be made to keep alive some phases of a subject that previously was won by studying for a period of weeks and months.

5. Present programs for other groups. The information and inspiration supplied in the mission study project should be broadcast throughout the home church, and might well be shared with other interested churches. Work out a program that can be used several times, when the group is invited by the women's association, Sunday school department and classes, and other units, for presentation. Its program, based on what was gleaned from the study course and on other facts and findings since acquired.

6. Increase missions giving. What we have learned of needs and opportunities should lead to the practical result of more generous giving to aid the good work. As the home church remains in touch with what is being accomplished, it is possible to tell your church folks, "Our money is helping to do this!"

### Learn — Then Do

Of course every project or activity in the field of *learning* can be similarly adapted to urge and inspire *doing*. Why not construct some such point-by-point program of action in connection with each major project of education and training which your unit or your church conducts?

If church leaders stimulate, and set an example in, the transition from learning to doing, we not only aid our friends to be more successful and productive (and to acquire more from Christian churchmanship) but we greatly aid the work and the influence of the church.

"Having seen and known, let us do!"

### LET'S WORK WITH JUNIORS

Young Adult Units (however they may be named in various churches) do well to become better acquainted with Junior Christian Endeavor work.

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This quarterly has excellent material for the weekly topic. There are suggestions for worship, leader's talks, ideas for talks by the children and stories of real interest. Suggestions for sponsors in promotion and projects are given. Many helpful scripture references are presented. Ideas for social and other activities published.



# Launch "C. E. World" Contest

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Pennsylvania Christian Endeavorers distributed 1,009 comfort bags to merchant men on 5 ships from eleven different countries in the Port of Philadelphia at Christmastime. Bill Hutchinson of Philadelphia is chairman of the Floating and Welfare Committee of the Keystone Union which supplied the money and material for these gifts to the men of the sea. Under Mr. Hutchinson's supervision Christian Endeavorers conduct services every Monday evening in the Seamen's Church Institute in Philadelphia.

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As a part of the Christian Endeavor Week program of the Erie County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Union a booklet of daily Quiet Hour meditations for the week has been published and circularized.

These meditations were presented to all attending the Diamond Jubilee banquet and through other means.

Those who contributed articles were Rev. Cyril A. Smith, pastor counselor, Erie County Union; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president, International Society; Warren G. Hoopes, general secretary, Pennsylvania Union; B. McClain Cochran, field secretary, Pennsylvania Union; Rev. Earle W. Gates, president, International Society; Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society; Dr. P. H. Augustine, East Springfield Federated Church, Erie, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Melvin M. Forney, secretary, Lord's Day Alliance.

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# What Does "Saviour" Mean?

No. 1 in a Series: "Understanding Familiar Terms"

Luke 2:11; John 3:17; Acts 5:31

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MARCH

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Today is our monthly Consecration Sunday. Special planning should be given this meeting in order that the fuller purposes of this traditional observance may be attained. On the first Sunday of each month it is the custom, sometime during the meeting, to call the Roll of Members. Each one responds with a word of testimony or dedication, verse of poetry or hymn, or perhaps a verse of Scripture. All others present may be invited to share. It would be especially appropriate today to have such responses be in the direction of greater devotion and loyalty to the Saviour Christ, Who is the subject of today's topic.

The leader of this meeting should first be sure he is familiar with the meaning of the topic. He should be able to give a definition and explanation of "Saviour," together with sharing his knowledge of Christ Himself. This involves knowing something of the Bible, of God's Plan of Redemption and the existing need of modern youth. Much thought and prayer should be given in advance. It would be well to confer with the pastor or some qualified student of the Bible.

A brief Leader's Talk should always be prepared, and given preceding the discussion. This particular series of topics forms a unit entitled *Understanding Familiar Terms*, with today's concentrating upon the name *Saviour*. A worthy presentation of this subject may make our Lord more clearly known to some in the meeting, and may mean the difference between life and death for them. Try to prepare the society for next week's study of "grace," for it will be closely related to today's.

## The Meaning

All of the topics this month deal with familiar terms. We often take them for granted without adequately understanding them. Perhaps the term "Saviour" is among this class. Surely we all have at least a vague idea of its meaning, but can we clearly explain that meaning?

The dictionary gives this meaning "one who saves or delivers from danger. Used with 'the,' it is Jesus Christ the Redeemer." Obviously then, to have a Saviour, there must

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To better understand a familiar term.
2. To know Christ's purpose more fully.

## FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

1. Why do we fail to understand common terms that are very familiar to us?
2. How can we understand them better?
3. How are words powerful tools or weapons?
4. Describe your understanding of the word "Saviour."
5. From what does He save us? How is it accomplished?
6. Discuss God's Plan of Redemption.
7. What are our steps to salvation?
8. What does the Cross mean to you?
9. When we become Christian, what is our obligation toward those who are not? Towards God?
10. How do we fulfill these obligations?

first be something from which to be saved. If He is One Who brings us out of danger, who rescues us, what is that danger or bondage?

## The Scripture Background

God's Word tells us frequently of the perils and shackles that beset mankind. One of the most pointed we find is John 8:31-36. Jesus was speaking to a group of Jews which believed in Him. He said, "If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Then these men answered Him, "We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, 'Ye shall be made free'?" The Saviour then brought an answer that searches our hearts today,—"I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. — If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." These Jews were right perhaps in that they had never been in actual physical bondage to any one. They, with all others in the world, however, were slaves to sin until they were released from it. John 3:17 shows God's answer to this need.

One of the Scripture passages today (Luke 2:11) tells us that a Saviour has been born to us. Note that the angel here did not merely tell the shepherds a "baby" had been born; rather it was "a Saviour." Matthew 1:21 tells us further, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." Read Acts 5:31 again also,

## What Does It Mean To Us?

Jesus also said "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans

3:23.) That includes us. We too might as the group of Jews, and say, "We are no slaves; why do we need freeing?" were it not for this verse and many other evidences. We have sinned, we sin, and we shall sin. Therefore we need to acknowledge. By the code of Jesus, any who sin are the servants and slaves of sin. Therefore we need redemption from that offense, we need forgiveness for it. We hear these things spoken about frequently, but we do not always apply them to ourselves. Jesus Christ died on the Cross to save us from our sins. Hence when we receive Him in our hearts by faith, He becomes our Saviour.

Let us continue to doubt if we have been guilty of sin, let's review again an average definition of it. "Sin is any transgression or want of conformity unto, the law of God. Is there anyone who has not transgressed the perfect law of God by acts of commission, by doing or saying things contrary to His will? Or is there any one of us who has not failed to conform to His perfect pattern, by failing to do what He wants of us?"

We stand condemned by our own confessions. Man, by such transgression is "sold under sin." (Romans 7:14.) Jesus Christ by His death on the Cross redeemed, or "bought back" fallen and sinful man. He thus became the Saviour of all who had complied with the conditions on which salvation is offered by the One Who redeemed us. He invites us to receive Him as our personal Saviour. When He becomes that, He has full right to also be acclaimed as Lord and Master of our total lives.

## Greater Possibilities

If Christ means so very much to us as our own Saviour, then how many times that need can be magnified among the rest of mankind. The Saviour is for all. He bids us go out and make His purposes known to everyone. Here is the missionary challenge, and the incentive for evangelism. Here, too, is the great foundation for successful Christian Endeavor. The first of our principles "Confession of Christ," demands that we tell others of Him. The second, third, and fourth Cardinal Principles (name them) are caught up in the process of bringing the Saviour to others. Tell them what He means to you. As a wise man has said, "I cannot bear to live without Christ; I cannot bear to think of others living without Him either."

## A SEED THOUGHT

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."

(Hebrews 13:8.)

"He is a changeless Christ in a changing world."

## Scripture Readings

- M., Feb. 27. Eternal Life. John 6:24-29.  
T., Feb. 28. Blessed Assurance. John 10:27-29.  
W., Feb. 29. Enduring Peace. John 14:27; 16:31-33.  
T., Mar. 1. Unspeakable Joy. I Peter 1:5-9.  
F., Mar. 2. Surpassing Love. I John 4:7-14.  
S., Mar. 3. True Righteousness. Philippians 3:7-11.  
Sun., Mar. 4. Topic—What Does "Saviour" Mean? Luke 2:11; John 3:17; Acts 5:31.



# Spiritual Giants Today

No. 2 in a Series: "Giant Leaders"

Luke 10:1-12



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MARCH 4

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Needed: A Definition

Who is a giant? Who is a spiritual giant? Have the group work out and if possible agree on a definition of a spiritual giant. Perhaps it will help if they draw up a list of men and women of unquestioned moral and spiritual stature. Then ask someone to put on the blackboard the suggested qualifications of spiritual greatness. All this can be a guide in judging for ourselves as to the measure of the greatness of the men listed here.

## A Look at Living Spiritual Giants"

(1) *Toyobiko Kagawa* has given his life to the spreading of Christianity in Japan. His method isn't just to read the Bible or preach a sermon; it is to live among the people, his very act and every word reflecting a Christlike attitude.

When a beggar asked for his shirt one day, Kagawa gave it to him. The next day the same man demanded other articles of clothing. Kagawa immediately handed them over. This left him with only a ragged kimono, but he wore it and attended classes at the theological seminary.

As a young man, Kagawa rented a room in the slums of Kobe. He shared it with those who had no place to go. Ignoring the danger to himself, he aided people stricken with leprosy, tuberculosis, and other dread diseases. To call for food, clothing, or help of any kind went unanswered, though such calls were made by drunkards, thieves, and murderers, who were his neighbors. He lost the vision of one day and contracted tuberculosis from these contacts.

Kagawa wasn't accustomed to this type of living, so the adjustment must have been hard to make. His parents died when he was a small boy, but his father had been a secretary in the emperor's council. A wealthy uncle gave him a home but disowned him when Kagawa began to take English lessons and became interested in Christianity.

Since then the life of Kagawa has been dedicated to serving his country and his God. No job has been too lowly for him to undertake in order to earn money with which to help others.

A chimney sweep at one time, Kagawa became the author of more than sixty books. He lectured all over the world. He was elected to the Japanese House of Commons. He was appointed to the Imperial Relief Committee at the time of the earthquake in Tokyo and Yokohama. He launched the kingdom-of-God movement to unite Christian forces in Japan.

(2) *Albert Schweitzer*. When Albert was he entered the university to study theology and philosophy, and of course he was still studying music. By the time he was 30 he might be said to have "arrived." He had a

## OUR AIM

1. To meet world leaders of the present day church.
2. To see what constitutes great leadership.
3. To learn to know outstanding personalities of our own denomination.

## QUESTIONS

1. Is being a spiritual leader easy? Why?
2. Do you think young people of today appreciate the price Christians of yesterday and today pay to keep Christianity ministering to people's needs?
3. Would you like being a Christian leader?
4. What makes Kagawa so greatly appreciated?
5. Would Schweitzer have succeeded in getting to Africa if he had not learned to do several different things well?
6. Do you think Schweitzer has "thrown his life away" in Africa?
7. Does the modern evangelist work through churches?
8. Does he encourage mass hysteria?
9. Does he plan and carry out follow-up campaigns?

doctor's degree in theology and another doctor's degree in philosophy. He had traveled over Europe. In spite of his early difficulties with languages he could speak English, French, and German, and could read Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He had written several important books. He was in demand for organ concerts in various parts of Europe, and he had the reputation of knowing more about the musician Bach than did any other person. He held the position of principal of the Theological College of St. Thomas. It looked as if he had all that any man of thirty could possibly ask. Then Albert Schweitzer announced that he planned to take up the study of medicine after which he expected to go to Central Africa as a missionary doctor.

It was seven years before Schweitzer was ready to go to Africa. He had studied tropical medicine and had served his internship, and then had raised the money to run his hospital for two years. He had married and his wife had studied nursing so as to be able to help him with his work.

Schweitzer has been in Africa many years and now has gained all the recognition the world can bestow on him.

(3) *Martin Niemoeller*. The exploits of Commander Martin Niemoeller in the Mediterranean form a lurid picture in the records of the Great War: at his command transport ships sank; cargo vessels reeled beneath the waves. No officer of the German navy performed his military duties more effectively than he.

But when the war was over, when the Kaiser had fled into Holland, when the Empire had fallen, Martin Niemoeller in his lodging in Bremen had time to think. And memories of the war remained, disturbing memories that could not be blotted out.

Niemoeller struggled through the universities, he and his wife praying, holding seminars of Christian youth, glorying in the new-found joy of faith. During the same years that Hitler was preaching his warlike gospel of Nordic redemption, Martin Niemoeller was proclaiming his discipleship to Christ.

It is because Martin Niemoeller, super-patriot that he was, was so unswerving in his loyalty to the teachings of Christ and to the Church as the living fellowship of His followers that his conflict with the state is so important. His higher patriotism would not allow him to stand idly by while his nation stooped to human injustices. He was arrested and spent eight years in jail. Today he still stands fearlessly for what he believes.

(4) *W. A. Visser't Hooft*. One of the most important but least known figures in the World Council of Churches is its secretary. He is the closest the Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox churches have to a world leader. His name is Dutch and one of the most difficult in the ecumenical movement—Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft.

After his United States schooling and ordination as a Dutch Reformed minister he became secretary of the World's Committee of YMCA's in 1924. That was in that international center, Geneva, Switzerland; and except for visits to his homeland and innumerable travels to church conferences around the world, that has been his headquarters ever since.

After seven years with the "Y," he became general secretary of the World Student Christian Federation until 1938. He was chairman of the first World Conference of Christian Youth in Amsterdam in 1939.

But meantime, as the World Council of Churches was launched, he became its general secretary, and he remained after this organization was officially inaugurated in 1948.

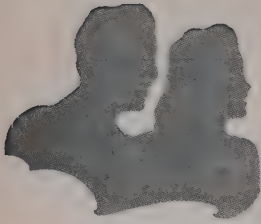
The Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., in 1954 evidenced his great leadership.

(5) *Two evangelists*. Billy Graham and "Chuck" Templeton are two evangelists swaying multitudes today. There is much current material about them. Look into your denominational periodicals and watch the newspapers.

## Bible Portions

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| M., Feb. 27.  | Invisible Presence.           | Exodus 33:12-23.             |
| T., Feb. 28.  | Secret Weapons.               | Ephesians 6:10-18.           |
| W., Feb. 29.  | Larger Outlook.               | Joel 2:21-29.                |
| T., Mar. 1.   | Mighty Ventures.              | I Samuel 17:38.              |
| F., Mar. 2.   | Happy Warriors.               | II Corinthians 11:30, 9, 10. |
| S., Mar. 3.   | Timely Miracles.              | John 2:1-11.                 |
| Sun., Mar. 4. | Topic—Spiritual Giants Today. | Luke 10:1-12.                |





# What Does "Grace" Mean?

No. 2 in a Series: "Understanding Familiar Terms"  
Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24, Romans 5:15; Titus 2:11, Titus 3:7

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MARCH 1

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Today's topic is the second in a series of *Understanding Familiar Terms*. This unit of lessons deals with a better understanding of familiar words. These words are heard and used frequently, yet one finds it difficult to define them for someone else, or even for their own clear comprehension.

The word *grace* is such a beautiful one in sound and in meaning. A small word in itself, but tremendous in its significance! Be sure the leader is one who understands the word well, or is capable of understanding it and presenting it, after studying the topic material.

Christian Endeavorers always enjoy working with their Bibles, in finding passages. If they do not customarily carry their Bibles to meetings, have some available, or announce a week in advance that they are to be used. Ask for permission to use the Pastor's concordance, if you do not have one. Make a list of some of the choicest verses which use the word "grace." By the time a number of these have been read together the group should already have a better idea of the meaning of the word and be prepared for intelligent concentration and discussion.

The leader should strive to lead the society into a fuller understanding of this essential term. Perhaps a listing can be made of the evidences of God's grace, or of the "channels" for it, by which it may reach us. A successful meeting will send the members home more acutely conscious of this means of God's dealing with His children, and grateful for it.

## The Meaning

In one average-size dictionary there are sixteen different meanings listed for the word "grace." It is truly a versatile word. Yet none of these meanings approach the significance of those listed as the "Ecclesiastical use" of it. This portion describes it thus, (a) "Divine mercy for forgiveness, (b) Divine assistance given man for his regeneration or sanctification, (c) a Christian virtue, (d) in full, State of Grace, or being pleasing to God because of responsiveness to grace; also state of the elect." Here indeed is a choice set of meanings and a study of each should be made now and discussed.

Brief and comprehensive definitions that are commonly used are that "grace is the unmerited favor of God" or "God's unmerited mercy toward mankind." Both say the same thing. Grace is of God alone, it is granted to mankind, and it is totally undeserved. It is the evidence of the overflowing love of a Father-God.

## A SEED THOUGHT

"Grace is the process of God's providing 'just enough' for a Christian's every need."

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To better understand God's grace.
2. To relate His grace to young lives today.

## FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

1. What do you understand grace to mean?
2. How can it best be described? Or illustrated?
3. What does God's grace do for the sinner, or those ignorant of Him?
4. What does it do for the Christian?
5. Name all the "channels of grace," you can (ways by which His grace can reach and influence us).
6. What influence can God have in this way upon our faith?
7. How can He influence our love, forgiveness, temperance, etc.?
8. Discuss the Seed Thought.
9. How can we prove God's grace?
10. How does this discussion relate to last week's on "The Saviour," and next's on "conversion"?

## The Scripture Background

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," says the Apostle Paul in Titus 2:11. His grace answers man's greatest and most urgent need, salvation. And it appears in some form to every man. In the Old Testament grace means favor or approval or clemency, in most places of use. Noah, Moses and others were said to "have found grace in the sight of the Lord."

In the New Testament the more general meaning is used, signifying the mercy, the persuasive constraint, or the spiritual reward of the Heavenly Father. It also carries the implication of great power through godliness. In Luke 2:40 we read of Jesus Himself, "and the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him." What a magnificent testimony of a growing life! John 1:14 refers to him as being "full of grace and truth."

In Acts 4:33 we read of the first Apostles "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." Such grace gives all power. Romans 3:24 gives deep assurance in saying,—"being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." We are "made just" in the sight of God, given a cloak of righteousness through Christ, by this grace. There is hope from this source also, for II Thessalonians 2:16 says "—God, even our Father, which hath loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace."

Finally, and supremely, we may look to Ephesians 2:8, 9 as the great keystone to our salvation. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift

of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." This encompasses the whole matter.

## What Does It Mean To Us?

This latter verse means a great deal to us, the whole matter of eternal life itself. God's grace is displayed here as a choice jewel in a beautiful setting—and it is offered to us as a gift of undying love. "By grace are ye saved and by His grace alone! We cannot earn, make, or merit our redemption, yet God's mercy bestows it upon us. It is satisfying to realize that there is an act of volition on our part, as well; there is one step we can take for ourselves. It says "by grace are ye saved through faith—" There is our part, and it is indispensable,—the exercise of faith! "Believe—and thou shalt be saved." Without the act of faith on our part, God cannot redeem us. Yet the Word is quick to point out the final element of grace, "the unmerited favor of God." These same verses point out "not of yourselves,—not of works, lest any man should boast,"—it is purely the gift of God. How happy we can be that we have a Father in Heaven Who so loves us that He wants us and seeks us out, as the shepherd looking for the one lost lamb. He grants salvation through His own sacrifice and peace through pardon. Only His "great eternal love" could conceive such a simple way to such profound blessing.

## Greater Possibilities

If the grace of our Father is able to do these things, think of what further things He can accomplish if we yield ourselves to His influence. Every-day channels of grace are public worship, the sacraments, prayer, reading of the Bible, and Christian witness. His grace will abound in us if we open hearts and minds to Him.

Grace is the influence of God's Spirit in the heart of the Christian. It may apply to any of the Christian virtues, as meekness, lowliness, humility, temperance, faith, peace, etc. It is a spiritual gift or attainment.

Through us, His grace will fill others. By His grace we are saved; by this same medium will we be strengthened for each day's living. Through the miraculous power of it we shall be made blessings. We are saved to serve!

## Bible References

M., Mar. 5.	Forgiveness.	Ephesians 1:7-10
T., Mar. 6.	Redemption.	Galatians 4:3-5
W., Mar. 7.	Justification.	Titus 3:4-7
T., Mar. 8.	Regeneration.	Ephesians 2:1-7
F., Mar. 9.	Sanctification.	Romans 6:11-14
S., Mar. 10.	Glorification.	Romans 8:15-21
Sun., Mar. 11.	Topic—What Does "Grace" Mean?	Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24; Romans 5:15; Titus 2:11; Titus 3:7



# Why Be A Christian?

No. 1 in a Series: "Spirit of the Living God"

Isaiah 61:1-4



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MARCH 11

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Make the Meeting Vital

**Living Pictures.** You can add much to the worship service by working out two living pictures to illustrate the Bible reading of the story of the rich young man and the modern story that is given in the Biblical account Luke 18:24. To arrange the picture which will illustrate the Bible story, get a copy of "For He Had Great Possessions," by Watts. (It appears in *Christ and the Fine Arts*, by Maus.) Costume a boy as nearly like the figure in the picture as possible and have him imitate the pose of the figure as he stands in a large frame made to look like a picture frame. To arrange the picture to illustrate the modern story, let a young man dressed in usual school clothes pose as if about to make a decision.

**As Members Gather.** Give each a copy of the questionnaire which appears under "Things to Discuss" and have him check it.

**A Hymn Sing.** Open the meeting with a familiar hymn such as "O Master, Let Me Talk with Thee," and ask members to think, during the singing of this hymn, of other members about following Jesus and be ready to suggest one. Sing a stanza of several such requests.

**Worship.** A closing worship service, including the readings and if possible the "living picture" illustrations, and a hymn of dedication such as "Just As I Am, Thine Own To Me."

## The Aspirations of Our Lives

God has planted in the human heart certain desires, aspirations, yearnings. Only in Christ are these yearnings be satisfied. Jesus—God's answer to these yearnings—said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me." Only through Christ can life be made new.

## Salvation — a Joyful Word

There is but one Saviour from sin who can save us to a good life on earth and in heaven. He is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is the one who can save, for He is acceptable to God and a proven victor over Satan, and He has saved many millions. He is the one who came to save, for the prophets foretold Him and His work demonstrates and His word assures it. Moreover, He is a Saviour who is ready to save right now, for He is here at this very moment and "Now is the accepted time and today is the day of salvation."

## Christian from Choice

Since God, through the gift of His Son, has made possible a change of heart youth ask, "Why be a Christian?" Let's give some reasons.

1. *The first reason for being a Christian is that it is the natural, normal life to live.* God made us and I exist. There must therefore be a relation between us. The Bible says that the original relation between God and man

### OUR AIM

1. To seek answers for this most important question.
2. To learn how to witness for Christ.
3. To seek life's most basic satisfactions.

### QUESTIONS

1. Just what was Christ's "way" like in early Christian times? What does it mean today?
2. John Mark found it hard to stick to his decision to follow Christ's way. He failed twice but repeatedly remade his decision. Do you think this may happen with some of us?
3. What shall we do if we fail at times to be true followers of Christ?
4. What is your biggest reason for being a Christian?
5. Can you imagine what this world would be like without Christ? Is that the reason we must forever stress missionary work?
6. What does "being Christlike" mean to you? To others?
7. How can we develop Christlikeness?
8. Does your society have a plan for winning others to Christ? Talk over a Youth Evangelism emphasis.

was one of love and trust. Christianity restores that relation. Any other relation is unnatural, abnormal and wrong.

2. *The Christian life is the safest life, both for the present and the hereafter.* By the endeavor to live a pure and Christlike life the Christian is saved from many physical diseases, from much mental unbalance, from spiritual degeneracy. It is the safest life to live here and now; the best and safest preparation for the hereafter.

3. *The Christian life is the happiest life.* Trust in Christ takes out of the life so many causes of worry and unrest. The sense of guilt is removed and I have peace with God. Then the Christian faith puts so much of love, joy and peace into my heart. And in the inescapable burdens and sorrows of life (for some are inescapable) there is present an unfailing source of infinite help and comfort.

4. *The Christian life is the most helpful life.* The very essence and spirit of Christi-

anity is unselfish and helpful. Christ "went about doing good" and the Christian is striving to be like Him, to be supremely helpful. But it is useless to try to help others live the safest, happiest, most normal life unless I am living it myself.

5. *I am a Christian because only thus do I live the complete life.* Man is a body, a mind, and a soul. The body may be alive while the mind is relatively dead. The body and mind may be alive, and the soul dead. Such is the condition of all who have not a vital communion with Christ. Unless one is a Christian he can, at best, be only two-thirds of a person. Christ is the pattern of the complete, the perfect One. Apart from Him we shall never approximate perfection.

6. *The Christian life is my daily choice because it is the most reasonable life.* It is reasonable to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, for this is capable of sufficient historical proof. Believing Him to be the Son of God, it is reasonable to accept His teachings about life, about sin and salvation; even when I do not wholly understand them. I accept the statements of Thomas A. Edison about electricity although I do not wholly understand them.

7. *I am a Christian because of the world's tremendous need.* All about me is a world sunk in tragic suffering and needing tremendously just the things which Christ has to offer. His life, His salvation, His teachings, received into the souls of all mankind would solve earth's problems.

8. *Finally, I am a Christian because I have come to love Jesus Christ.* After all this is the supreme reason. Faith, plus trust, plus love, must inevitably issue in a consecration of life. My Christian life is not a cold, intellectual conviction, but a loving comradeship.

**Buzz Session No. 1:** Let the total group be divided into groups of four to six persons, each small group choosing a spokesman to summarize for the total group their discussions of these and related questions:

a. Are the lives of young people in the churches today (our lives) really surrendered to God? What evidences do we have that young people's lives are, or are not, consecrated to God?

b. Can one truly worship God without surrendering some part of himself to God?

c. How many expressions of self-surrender are included in the Lord's Prayer? Do we have any right to use the Lord's Prayer if we are not surrendering our lives to God?

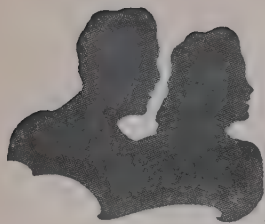
**Buzz Session No. 2:** Let the entire group discuss: Why must we accept Christ as Lord as well as Saviour? What happens in our experience if we acknowledge Him as Saviour only? As Lord only?

(Buzz sessions are fine for engaging all your Endeavorers in talking together.)

### 📖 Daily Readings 📖

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| M., Mar. 5.    | A Lost Sinner.            | Isaiah 53:3-6.    |
| T., Mar. 6.    | A Just God.               | Romans 3:24-26.   |
| W., Mar. 7.    | A Loving Saviour.         | Revelation 1:4-6. |
| T., Mar. 8.    | A Victorious Life.        | Romans 7:23-25.   |
| F., Mar. 9.    | A Perfect Peace.          | John 14:25-27.    |
| S., Mar. 10.   | A Lively Hope.            | I Peter 1:1-5.    |
| Sun., Mar. 11. | Topic—Why Be A Christian? | Isaiah 61:1-4.    |





# What Does "Conversion" Mean?

No. 3 in a Series: "Understanding Familiar Terms"

Matthew 18:1-3; Acts 3:19; James 5:20; Acts 15:3; Psalm 51:13

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MARCH 1968

Comments by Earle W. Gates

This series of topics on "understanding familiar terms" should prove most beneficial. Each word is frequently used, and to some degree is an understood word. They are not necessarily *completely* understood, however. The majority of people who use any of these words should find it rather difficult to give a satisfactory definition for them. It is hoped that a study of these topics will help.

Secure a film strip on the subject of conversion. The most rapid and lasting way to learn is by the eye-gate. Be sure to have your pastor present, that he might be available to answer any questions, or deal with the specific problems.

This topic would make a good opportunity for the members to examine themselves to see how they stand before God. A decision at the close of the meeting would be appropriate. Have the pastor conduct this portion.

## Definition of "Conversion"

Conversion means "to turn around, or turn away from." In a spiritual sense, conversion means to turn from sin or error to truth and righteousness. This act requires sincerity. It implies a turning of heart and mind, not merely a form. One who is *converted from sin is led to Christ*. Why else would one turn from sin? Christ is the opposite of sin. He Himself knew no sin, yet He died that we might be forgiven of our sin. Here are combined idealism and realism.

Conversion is the result of believing, of being declared righteous by the act of God, and of being set apart as one holy. Conversion is a change of faith, heart, and life, through the grace of God.

## The Scripture Background

God's Word has much to say on this subject of conversion. Even back in Isaiah we read "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes, cease to do evil." (Isaiah 1:16.) This is an Old Testament call to conversion. This and James 4:8 are similar calls: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

## From The Book of Books

- M., Mar. 12. Turning From Sin. Luke 5:27, 28.
- T., Mar. 13. Turning To God. Luke 7:36-38.
- W., Mar. 14. Confessing Sin. Luke 18:18, 14.
- T., Mar. 15. Receiving Christ. Luke 19:1-7.
- F., Mar. 16. Living Christ. Luke 19:8-10.
- S., Mar. 17. Paul's Conversion. Acts 26:10-20.
- Sun., Mar. 18. Topic—What Does "Conversion" Mean? Matthew 18:1-3; Acts 3:19; James 5:20; Acts 15:3; Psalm 51:13.

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To understand the full meaning of the word "conversion."

2. To consider your own relationship with God through Christ.

## FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

1. What is the general meaning of "conversion"?

2. What is the spiritual meaning of it?

3. Can you tell the time when you were converted? What other substitute experience can you describe if no definite time can be noted?

4. What is required for conversion?

5. Who accomplishes the act of conversion?

6. When one has this experience, how should it be reflected in his life?

7. Why is a change of heart necessary?

8. How does God's grace function here?

9. Name some outstanding converts to Christianity.

10. How can we win converts for Christ? What start shall we make today?

Read James 5:19 and 20. Discuss it.

Luke 22:32b gives a suggestion and command to the one who is converted: "And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Re-read the various Scriptures given for this topic. Note Matthew 18:3 which states the need to become "as little children" to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (Note that it is *child-likeness*, not *childishness* that is required.) Repentance is mentioned in many verses as a necessary step before conversion. What is its meaning? Acts 3:19 is an example; also Acts 2:38.

Study the meaning of James 5:30.

## What Does It Mean To Us?

Just what does conversion mean to us as Christian Endeavorers? We must repent of our sins and turn from any evil ways. Then when the miracle of God's grace is accomplished we must help others along the same path. This leaves no one without a task. Each must take care of his own mistakes, then help others with theirs.

In order to experience true conversion we must have faith. We must accept the teachings of our Lord and Saviour, accepting God's Word as truth. Our confession that Jesus Christ is our own personal Saviour is the key to Redemption's Door.

We must have a change of heart. As we accept God's teachings as Christians we must realize that we are the holders of a most precious gift. This is justification. We have been declared righteous by the act of God. Our lives must reflect the change. We cannot be the same after knowing Christ that we

were before. When we are converted, when we call ourselves Christians, we realize that great sacrifice was made for us personally. We have been bought with a price; we are not our own. When we realize the true potential value of our lives then, know that even "the hairs of our heads are numbered," the kind of life we live is important.

All people sin and fall short of the glory of God. Only Christ was perfect. But He desires that we strive toward His perfection. We must "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14).

## Greater Possibilities

It is marvelous indeed to realize what can be accomplished when one is converted to Christ and His Way. All life becomes different. Old aims become meaningless; new and greater goals arise. When one so steps from the dark into the eternal Light all the world is different. The influence of a life so directed toward God is felt everywhere. Thus the "Social" Gospel is accomplished as a fruit of the "Personal" Gospel.

To pursue this study further would be a beneficial and interesting endeavor. Discuss together the great lives of outstanding Christians of the past, or the present. Think, for example, of the fruits of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus along the Damascus road. (See Acts 9.) How Paul has revolutionized the world! Remember when Jesus said to Peter, "I have prayed for these—and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:32b.) (How has He "strengthened" us?) Someday, at some place, the beloved John and all the other Apostles stopped in their tracks, turned their hearts and minds toward Christ, and became God's men. How these conversions have counted!

Think along the ages also and strive to measure the contributions of Luther, Wesley, Calvin, Huss. Remember the leaders of your own denomination. Weigh out the values released to the world by a Dwight Moody, or a Billy Sunday. Think as well of two modern Christians who bear their names, Dwight Eisenhower and Billy Graham. Breathe a prayer of thanks for the Christian life of Francis E. Clark, who gave us the Christian Endeavor movement, and for Daniel A. Poling who has nurtured it, and so nobly carried its message many times around the world. These men are the personification of the blessing of God among us. One day they stood at some altar and said, "I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest."

What will the giving of *your* life to Christ mean to the world? How many conversions of others to Him will you be able to claim?

## A SEED THOUGHT

"We do not experience joy in living until we have walked with God."



# Christians—Under Orders

No. 2 in a Series: "Spirit of the Living God"

Romans 12:1-14



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MARCH 18

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Printed Questions

Do you excel in sports because you thrive on attention, or because you enjoy mastering skill and enjoy doing it with others as they master the same skill?

Do you delight in seeing other people make better grades?

Do you constantly think of cunning ways to get around the rules, the laws?

Do you stretch the truth when your name may be saved by a "white lie"?

Jesus lived above these lower desires. It takes courage and daring to follow Him and be the same.

If you want to keep all your friends and avoid having anyone misunderstand you, you dare not follow Jesus. Jesus realized that His way of living by the principle of selflessness would get people into "jams." So He said, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of lies against you falsely for my sake."

The pinch does not come when a youth says, "I want to follow Jesus and love all men." Few people disagree with just a harmless utterance. It is when it is acted upon that you see friends. You turn down a part in the class play because of a few lines of profanity. You kindly object to a friend's behavior toward her family. You insist that the Christian Endeavor should give more time toward a work project. Such decisions jeopardize friendships.

## Under Orders to Witness

The keynote of our Christian faith is our willingness to witness. To endeavor earnestly to apply the principles of Jesus to every aspect of our living is our obligation as a disciple. We must carry into school, job, home, and social situations a positive witness for Christ.

The words of Ananias to Paul could well be spoken to every young Christian today. "For you will be a witness for Him to all men."

## Our Witness at Home

True religion, like charity, begins at home. Every one of us is given an opportunity each day in the fellowship of the family circle to witness for Christ.

We witness when:

1. We share in the family devotions.
2. We do our share of the work.
3. We share with others in the family our joys and sorrows.
4. We carry through our responsibilities gladly.

If we have learned to practice love, kindness, and consideration in our homes, it will naturally carry over into our relationships beyond the family circle.

## Our Witness in the Church

Once in a Christian Endeavor discussion one of the members said, "The Church is for the old people." That statement initiated a lively discussion. The Church of Jesus Christ is for children, for youth, for men and women of all ages. The Church needs teen-agers, but teen-agers need the Church too.

## OUR AIM

1. To catch the challenge of "daring to follow Jesus."

2. To list the duties of individual Christians.

3. To consider ways our society can make a forward march "For Christ and the Church."

You can witness in the Church:

1. By worshiping regularly.

2. By belonging to your Christian Endeavor society.

3. By seeing that the material provided is used.

4. By representing your church in conferences, youth rallies and Christian Endeavor meetings.

There is a job for you in your church.

## Our Witness in the Community

We all develop strong loyalties as we walk through life—loyalty to our school, our family, our friends, and to our home town. Civic pride can be a powerful influence for good if directed by a Christian purpose.

Like Paul, we should like to say, "I am . . . a citizen of no mean city." Is your village, town, or city a great place for people to live? Are you and your fellow Christians helping in some direct way to make your town a truly Christian community?

A worthy subject for your discussion is: "What constitutes a Christian community?"

## Our Witness in the World

Jesus emphasized that His disciples should be in the world but not of the world. As Christians it is our job to examine carefully in the light of Jesus' teaching the values and objectives that gain man's approval.

In an atomic age we can witness for Christ by supporting worthy organizations working for peace and for a world government, especially the program of the United Nations. Anything that we can do to build bridges of understanding between ourselves and other people will be a vital witness for Christ.

Remember Woodrow Wilson's statement: "I should rather fail in the support of a cause that will ultimately succeed than succeed in a cause that I know will ultimately lose."

## Bible Orders

1. Can you follow Jesus in resisting temptation? Read Matthew 4:1-11.

2. Can you follow Jesus in effective prayer? Read Matthew 6:5-14.

## Scripture Readings

M., Mar. 12. Clean Vessels.

T., Mar. 13. Controlled Tongues.

W., Mar. 14. Filled Spirits.

T., Mar. 15. Heavenly Affections.

F., Mar. 16. Pure Thoughts.

S., Mar. 17. Shining Lights.

Sun., Mar. 18. Topic—Christians—Under Orders.

I Corinthians 6:19-20.

James 3:1-4; 1:26.

Romans 8:5-16.

Colossians 3:1-4.

Psalm 24:3-5.

I John 1:5-7.

Romans 12:1-14.

3. Can you follow Jesus without turning back? Read Luke 9:57-62.

4. Can you leave everything else to follow Jesus? Read Luke 14:25-33; John 15:18-21.

5. Can you follow Jesus in taking up His cross? Read Matthew 16:24-27.

6. Can you follow Jesus in settling disputes? Read Matthew 18:15-22.

7. Can you follow Jesus in humble service? Read Matthew 23:1-12; John 13:12-17.

8. Can you follow Jesus without dropping too far behind? Read Mark 14:53-72 (the story of what happened to a disciple who followed at a distance.)

9. Can you follow Jesus by continuing His work? Read Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 23:19-20; John 21:15-17.

10. Can you follow Jesus in fellowship with God? Read John 17:20-26.

## Shoulder Those Orders

The service of Christ is always a crusade. It is a cause in which we enlist. Nobody merely drifts into a great cause without a real purpose. He enlists, aware of the dangers and willing to run the risks for the sake of the goal he seeks.

We do not make one decision only when we enter the Christian life. We do make that one great decision which places us in the service of our Lord. Beyond that, however, lie many decisions. In each of them is involved our loyalty to Christ and our will to serve God.

The courage of Christians in increasing numbers taking their stand with Christ on these issues will restore the lost radiance of the Christian religion. We are standing on the edge of a great spiritual revival. This revival can come, and will come only if His followers begin to take Jesus seriously in His Gospel of the Kingdom of God, with its imperative demands on the individual and society. It will mean for many the way of the Cross. But it means likewise the way of victory.

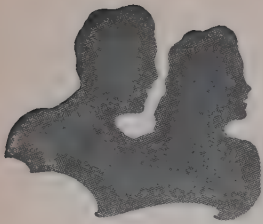
## Under Orders Involves a Price

Roberta came to us with the happy news: "I want to be a missionary." "That's fine," we replied with zest. "Let's talk over your decision."

So we discussed the involvements of her desire. The meaning of full consecration to God's work entered into the picture immediately. Then we suggested that to be a missionary means four years of college preparation, possibly two years in a language school; possibly a year or two in a home mission field. To be a missionary takes training, discipline and waiting.

By that time Roberta was not so sure she wanted to be a missionary. Her ardor began to cool. Then we recalled Lucy, who had had the same desire to serve on the mission field. She plugged away year in and year out, getting her college degree, her nurse's training and then waiting for World War II to end, always with a dream and a goal in her heart. Eventually she got to the mission field and her work meant healing.





# "No Greater Love"

No. 4 in a Series: "Understanding Familiar Terms"  
John 15:9-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MARCH 2

## Comments by Earle W. Gates

This is the final topic in the series on *Understanding Familiar Terms*. By this time, the society should have a more complete understanding of the words "Saviour," "grace," and "conversion." This topic is on "love," a love greater than any other. Try to point out how much greater is God's love, and the love of His Son, than any other love we shall ever experience.

This is Palm Sunday and proper recognition should be given. Love is also shown here, as Jesus' followers scattered palm leaves before His path, and shouted their acclaim, but His love for them and us is infinitely greater.

If the society does not have sufficient plans for a proper Easter observance, it is not too late. Make definite plans now. Every society should have part in an Easter sunrise service, if it is only the society and pastor together.

Make next week's meeting an extra special one. Try to bring out new young people. Most important, have a good program for them to share. Encourage the members to participate in the entire Church program. Communion, Good Friday services, and any others should be supported by the young people. Give renewed emphasis to the Commitments they have made in the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

Throughout this meeting, emphasize the fact that we have an Easter only because of "love." (John 3:16.) Strive to see the "god-likeness" of it and how it may be perpetuated from age to age. The first "Palm Sunday" was a time of acclaiming Christ as King. Let us today be led in a new exalting of His Kingship, in a new dedication to His royal pathway of Love.

## The Meaning

Again let us turn to the dictionary for a working definition of this word we are studying. One of the many meanings of love given there is "the benevolence attributed to God as being like a father's affection for his children; also men's adoration of God; a feeling of strong personal attachment induced by sympathetic understanding." How well these words begin to describe God's love!

*Love is both a way of feeling and a way of acting.* It represents the attitude of one person for another, the thinking of each toward the other. It also finds positive expression in action. Love in action is the only practical way of supporting our talk about it. The principles of man's love for man finds a higher parallel in God's love for man.

## A SEED THOUGHT

"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

## AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To better understand the familiar word "love," in a Christian sense.
2. To learn more of God's love for us.

## FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

1. What is love? Define or describe it.
2. How does God's love differ from ours?
3. How are they alike?
4. What are the blessings His love has brought us?
5. What is our duty of love to God? to others?
6. What have you gained from this series of four topics?
7. What is the common tie between the subjects of these topics, "Saviour," "Grace," "Conversion"?
8. How do they relate to each other?
9. Why is John 3:16 properly called "The Bible in miniature"?
10. In what practical ways can your love express your gratitude for God's love?

## The Scripture Background

Today is Palm Sunday, the day the multitudes acclaimed Christ as King, shouting "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." Little did they know the eternal significance of their words! All of the New Testament Scripture preceding this incident, and all that follows for the Week of Christ's Passion, forms background for this lesson on His matchless love.

Perhaps the key verse of all is the ever-familiar John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son—" The five words "God so loved the world" tell the most wonderful truth we can ever know about God. The words that form our topic "No Greater Love" come from the verse "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13.) Here Jesus Christ, the Son of God showed the supreme quality of His love. Just a few verses later He voiced a strong directive, more stern than usual, "These things I command you, that ye love one another—the servant is not greater than His Lord." (John 16:17, 20.) He Who was to offer Himself as a personification of this highest love had full authority to demand something of the same from His followers.

We are glad to believe in Him as Light. (John 1:4 and John 8:12.) We rejoice in Him as Life. (John 6:68 and John 3:16.) But we give ourselves to Him most as Love. (I John 4:7, 8, 11 and John 10:10.) The measure of His love is beyond our human comprehension. As God the Father loved the world, so Jesus loved. "His own which were in the world." He gave Himself for them on the Cross. This is the supreme sacrifice indeed; "so loved" expresses it well.

## What Does It Mean To Us?

What does our mother's gift of birth mean to us? It means that we have life; physical being. By the same token, our Lord's sacrificial gift means we have spiritual life, eternal blessedness. His giving of Himself upon the Cross was the supreme act of sacrifice. Our acceptance of it is by faith alone.

When the Son of God was hanged upon the Tree of Sacrifice, He became once and for all the Redeemer of mankind. The blood of the everlasting Covenant had been offered and accepted. Henceforth "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." No greater love was possible or needed.

One of the most wonderful things about the dealings of God is that they are so complete and so imperishable. For example, let us consider this office of Redeemer that His great love established. The process of redemption is so comprehensive. There are at least three meanings for "redemption" in the Greek. It means "to purchase in the market," it means "to release," and it means "to purchase out of the market." By this redeeming act of love we are first "brought back" from the sin and condemnation to which we have sold ourselves. We are likewise "released" from the bondage of sin and evil that has long enslaved us, "turned loose" to new life and achievement. The third meaning indicates we have been by purchase and acceptance "bought totally out of the market forever." Never again can the Evil One claim us or overcome us. We rest secure and triumphant as the beloved purchase of God, guarded by the Everlasting Arms. Verily no lesser love than God's could work this miracle; no greater love could ever be bestowed upon mankind.

## Greater Possibilities

There are no greater possibilities for God's love to man than contained in His salvation and in His assurance of a constant, empowering walk with His children. The future potential is in the lives of those children themselves. As He has loved us, so must we love one another. By this sign we conquer. What miracle of love can our lives work out today, and every day? "Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. *Love never faileth.*" (I Corinthians 13:7, 8.)

## Bible Meditations

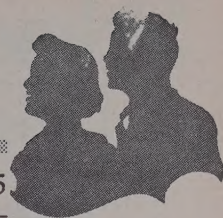
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# "No Greater Love"

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John 15:12-17



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## Assignment

Ask several in advance to look up Scriptural illustrations of "How Jesus treated His enemies."

## Supreme Love

Some years ago in one of the provinces of Central Africa some 400 of the most influential men of a certain tribe came together to consider how they might pacify their angry king. Their crops had been failures for several seasons and apparently their god had hid his face behind a cloud and looked upon them no more.

At last the assembly, after listening to the king's words, came to a decision—one of their own number must offer himself as a voluntary sacrifice to the god. A great silence came upon the gathering. The king sat with his face hidden in his hands; the people sat with bowed heads; no one dared to raise his eyes to the priests, and they gazed silently over the audience, waiting for someone to offer himself as the sacrifice. Finally they began to chant, and as the chant proceeded they began to slip away to make ready for the sacrifice, until only one priest was left. When all the others had gone, he ceased his chanting and stretched his arms toward the still silent body of the king. "Who will stand up?" Then the king's youngest son rose to his feet. "Here," he said, "I will stand up." And with firm step he followed the priest to the altar. That revealed love supreme.

## John 3:16

This familiar verse is a concise statement of the great scheme of redemption. In it we see the grand design contemplated by God, that men "might not perish but have everlasting life."

The verse too reveals the means by which God executed His glorious design. "He gave His only-begotten Son."

Could one ever see greater love than revealed here?

The verse also shows the divinely appointed way by which men obtain the benefits of this love. "That whosoever believeth in him."

The verse gives the cause for all of this. "For God so loved the world."

Let us remember that "greater love hath no man than this."

## Jesus' Love Was Unchanging

"Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." John 13:1. Jesus' love is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He loves in life, in health, in sickness, in death, yea, forever and ever. His love is ardent, abiding, increasing, inconceivable and everlasting.

How distinguished the character, how responsible the station, and how happy the privilege of the people of God.

## OUR AIM

1. To see that love makes life worth living.
2. To discover that Christ's love for us is beyond understanding.
3. To see how love opens doors.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus first love us?
2. What was the spirit of Jesus' service?
3. How may we show our love to Jesus today?
4. How does Jesus call men to serve Him today?
5. What enemies have we to face?
6. Is there cause for international hatred?
7. Why should we overcome evil with good?
8. Is Satan our greatest enemy?
9. Why is the Jesus' way of living best?

## The Constraining Love of Jesus

"The love of Christ constraineth us." 2 Corinthians 5:14. The word rendered constrain, signifies to press down, to carry captive, to bear away, to transport, to carry us onward. This love constrains: (a) to a cordial reception of Christ and His gospel. (b) to a public profession of Him before men. (c) to cheerful self-denial for His sake. (d) to unswerving obedience and exertion in His cause.

## Love Your Enemies

No man can love God except through the practice of loving men. Love carries with it a double capacity, of loving friends, and of loving men who represent the opposite. Love goes out to men, not according to their righteousness, but according to their needs. True gospel love is a love that re-creates men. It is possible with the love of Christ shed abroad in the human heart to love our enemies.

## Jesus Loved His Enemies

Jesus always manifested a deep love for His enemies. Love of friends is beautiful, but it is not yet love made perfect. Perfect love is the love that is kind even toward enemies. Such love is not of this world. It is "love divine, all love excelling." If Jesus loved us, who of us dare hate one of His creatures?

## A Story

There is a story told of Louis XII of France. He had many enemies; and when he succeeded

to the throne he caused a list of those to be drawn up, and marked against each of their names a large, black cross. When this became known the enemies of the king fled, because they thought it was a sign that he intended to punish them. The king, hearing of their alarm, recalled them, and gave them an assurance of his good will, saying that he had placed the cross beside their names to remind him of the cross that brings pardon to all; and he urged them by his own example, and especially by the example of Him who prayed for His enemies, to go and do likewise.

## They Loved When Hate

## Was Rampant

Betty Stam, missionary to China, wrote the following covenant into the fly-leaf of her Bible, "Lord, I give up my own purposes and plans, all my own desires, hopes, and ambitions (whether they be fleshly or soulish), and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. I hand over to thy keeping all my friendships; all the people whom I love are to take second place in my heart. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Work out thy will in my life, at any cost, now and forever. 'To me to live is Christ.' Amen."

Nine years later, she and her husband were martyred.

Why should two fine young people give up lives of splendid service? They knew their work was dangerous. Why did they keep on? Was it not for the joy of fulfillment—fulfilling God's plan for life?

Here is the essence of "greater love." These young missionaries loved God, their fellow-men, their work. Their example lives on to inspire us today.

## Poem

### THE BEST WE CAN

by Catherine P. Lowrey

"I fear I can't," Miss Doubtful said,  
When asked a job to plan;  
"I fear I can't; I don't know how,  
But I'll do the best I can."  
She settled down and went to work,  
The plan she made was good;  
Her health was poor;  
her strength was frail;  
But she did the best she could.  
It happened so as years went by  
That many others used her plan;  
God's work is always multiplied  
When we do the best we can.

—Permission Builders

Let this be a "witness meeting." Get as many as you can to tell of their experiences on the subject.

## From God's Book

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## ion Purchases Jeep

### For Work In India

A jeep has been secured by the Pennsylvania mission for the work of Solomon Doraisawmy, who is the Field Secretary for Christian Endeavor in India.

Mr. Doraisawmy advised that he took delivery of the car on December 14 in Madras. Word from him states that he is very happy with the gift which enables him to reach many more youth in traveling to villages in organizing Christian Endeavor and revitalizing it.

The Keystone Union for a number of years has been supporting the work in India and within the last year has raised money to help Mr. Doraisawmy secure the equipment for transportation.

## HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN

A man to lose his job because he drank too much?

A doctor to advise his patients, "Your chances would be better if you had been a drinker?"

An employer seeking a man for a responsible office says, "Give me a drinker every time?"

A wife to explain, "My husband would be the best man in the world if he would drink more?"

A husband to say his wife would be a better mother to the children if she spent more time at the cocktail bar?

A defendant in a court to seek acquittal with plea, "If I had been drunk I never would have done it?"

An insurance company to offer reduced premiums on drinkers?

The value of a business or home to rise when a tavern is opened next door?

## STAGGERING FIGURES

There are 4,000,000 alcoholics in the United States. There are 1,000,000 chronic alcoholics in the last stages of alcoholism (organically damaged).

There are 3,000,000 "problem drinkers" regular users of beverage alcohol who occasionally, under stress, drink excessively).

On the basis of a total of 67,000,000 drinkers in the United States:

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One out of every twenty-five adults is an alcoholic.

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### Topics for MARCH

March 4. Praises God Psalm 67.

March 11. Listens To God's Word.

II Kings 23:1-3.

March 18. Serves God. Mark 1:16-22.

March 25. The Story of Palm Sunday.

Luke 19:29-44.

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## Here From Pakistan



Ernest Albert (left) and his brother Douglas are shown at the Student Volunteer Convention at the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. These youth are the sons of Sham S. S. Albert, field secretary of Christian Endeavor in Pakistan. Ernest and Douglas came to the United States several months ago to study. Both are at educational institutions in North Carolina. Ernest is at High Point College and Douglas at Elon College.

## Society Presidents Installed

Leaders of the seven Christian Endeavor societies of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado, were installed at a service November 27. Mrs. Pauline Palm, former president of Denver Union, became president of the Christian Endeavor Council of Highland Park Church. Ruben Loos installed the officers with Mable Preston, Extension Chairman for the Colorado Union, as speaker.

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A highbrow is a person educated beyond his intelligence.

Professor—Can you give me an example of a paradox?

Plebe—A man walking a mile yet moving only two feet.

Jane—Yesterday my little sister fell off the piano.

Elaine—Did she get hurt?

Jane—No, she fell on the soft pedal.

"The mosquito is like a child. When it stops making noise, you know it is getting into something."

Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years, but, of course, his neighbors didn't have a television.

Teacher—Who can define indigestion?

Pupil—It is the failure to adjust a square meal to a round stomach.

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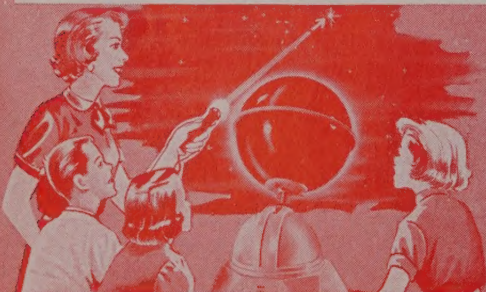
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